

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections of the application are respectfully requested in view of the amendments and remarks.

I. STATUS OF THE CLAIMS AND FORMAL MATTERS

Claims 69-82 are pending. Claims 1-68 were canceled. Claims 69-72, 74, 75, 77, 78, 80 and 81 are hereby amended.

II. REJECTIONS UNDER 35 U.S.C. §103(a)

Claims 69-72, 74, 75, 77, 78, 80 and 81 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as allegedly unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 5,963,203 to Goldberg (hereinafter, merely "Goldberg") in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,724,472 to Abecassis (hereinafter, merely "Abecassis").

Claims 73, 76, 79, and 82 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as allegedly unpatentable over Goldberg in view of Abecassis and further in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,546,555 to Hjelsvold (hereinafter, merely "Hjelsvold").

Claim 69 recites, *inter alia*:

"A method for transmitting video data
comprising ...

**obtaining data for identifying a main
video data, said main video data
constituted by connecting, in a
predetermined sequence a plurality of
shots or scenes**, each shot or scene being a
basic unit of the main video data;

**obtaining semantic evaluation meta-data
based on an evaluation of the shots or**

**scenes of the main video data, said
semantic evaluation meta-data indicating
the development of the content
represented by the main video."**
(Emphasis added)

In the Office Action, the Examiner contends that Goldberg teaches the preview meta-data comprises commentary data, still picture data and/or voice data introducing the main video data and each chapter of the main video data. *Goldberg*, col. 10, lines 36-42. However, Applicants submit that the relied upon portions of Goldberg merely discloses that a "root image" is derived from the video sequence and conveys information concerning both the image content of the selected sub-set of frames and the relative position of that image information in time as well as space. Goldberg further discloses that the "root image" is defined by information in the interface data file. The definition specifies which video frames are "basic frames" (for example, by storing the relevant frame numbers), as well as specifying the placement positions of the basic frames relative to one another within the root image.

Applicants submit that the relied upon portions of Goldberg do not teach or suggest the above identified feature in claim 69. Specifically, Goldberg does not teach or suggest identifying a main video data and semantic evaluation data indicating the development of the content (e.g., story or plot) represented by the main video, as recited in claim 69.

Therefore, Applicant respectfully submits that claim 69, directed to a transmitting method, is patentable.

Claim 70 is the corresponding transmitter and is therefore patentable for similar reasons.

Claims 71 and 74 are the corresponding receiving method and receiver, respectively, and are therefore patentable for similar reasons.

Claims 77 and 80 are the corresponding transmitting/receiving method and transmission/reception system, respectively, and are therefore patentable for similar reasons.

III. DEPENDENT CLAIMS

The other claims in this application are each dependent from one of the independent claims discussed above and are therefore patentable for at least the same reasons. Since each dependent claim is also deemed to define an additional aspect of the invention, however, the individual reconsideration of the patentability of each on its own merits is respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

In the event the Examiner disagrees with any of statements appearing above with respect to the disclosure in the cited references, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner specifically indicate those portions of the references providing the basis for a contrary view.

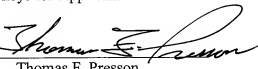
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Applicant respectfully submits that all of the claims are in condition for allowance and requests early passage to issue of the present application.

Respectfully submitted,

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